

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 28, 2007. Claims 25-32 and 35-50 are pending in this application, with claims 25, 49 and 50 being in independent form. Claims 25, 35 and 50 have been amended, and claims 33 and 34 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

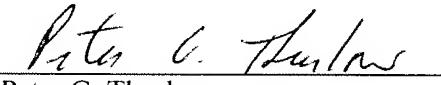
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claim 49 has been allowed and that claims 28, 31, 34-36 and 38-40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have canceled claims 33 and 34 (which depended from claim 33) as stated above and added the subject matter of these claims into independent claims 25 and 50, thus making these claims and the claims that depend from claim 25 allowable.

The prior art rejections described in the Office Action are rendered moot in light of the adding of the allowable subject matter from claim 34 into independent claims 25 and 50.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance accordingly. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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